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☒ This application has been examined. ☐ Responsive to communication filed on _____ ☐ This action is made final.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire _____ month(s), 30 days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited, Form PTO-892. 2. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Drawing, PTO-948.
3. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, Form PTO-152. 4. ☐ _____

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. ☒ Claims 1-16 are pending in the application.

Of the above, claims _____ are withdrawn from consideration.

2. ☐ Claims _____ have been cancelled.

3. ☐ Claims _____ are allowed.

4. ☐ Claims _____ are rejected.

5. ☐ Claims _____ are objected to.

6. ☒ Claims 1-16 are subject to restriction or election requirement.

7. ☐ The formal drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

8. ☐ The drawing correction request filed on _____ has been ☐ approved. ☐ disapproved.

9. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has

☐ been received. ☐ not been received. ☐ been filed in parent application, serial no. _____

filed on _____

10. ☐ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

11. ☐ Other

The claims are drawn to more than one distinct invention, delineated by the following grouping of claims:

- I. Claim 9, drawn to a compound in which R_3 is $-CH_2OH$;
- II. Claims 10, 11, and 13, drawn to compounds in which R_3 is a carboxylic acid derivative;
- III. Claim 12, drawn to a compound in which R_3 is $-CH_3$;
- IV. Claim 16, drawn to multiple processes.

A further delineation of separate inventions is provided by those compounds embraced by the claims wherein R_1 and R_2 taken together form a second bond, namely by those compounds containing and intercylic $-CH=$ group.

Claims 1-8, 14 and 15 are Markush claims containing Markush groups the members of which are representative of distinct classes of compounds delineated above, which are capable of supporting separate patents and have achieved a separate status in the art in view of their diverse functionality. As evident from the multiple processes improperly embraced by a single claim 16, the compounds are capable of being produced by different processes, in part dependent upon the nature of the functional groups contained therein. In the event of an election of IV. a further election of a process species is required accompanied by a claim restricted thereto.

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election consonant with the above requirement, even though the requirement is traversed. See 37 CFR 1.143.

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